

REMARKS

The present Amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed November 18, 2008. Claims 1 is amended, and new claims 15-17 are added. Claims 1-17 are now pending in view of the above amendments. Applicants note that the following remarks are not intended to be an exhaustive enumeration of the distinctions between any cited references and the claimed invention. Rather, the distinctions identified and discussed below are presented solely by way of example to illustrate some of the differences between the claimed invention and the cited references. Applicants also note that the remarks presented herein have been made merely to clarify the claimed embodiments from elements purported by the Examiner to be taught by the cited reference. Such remarks, or a lack of remarks, are not intended to constitute, and should not be construed as, an acquiescence, on the part of the Applicants: as to the purported teachings or prior art status of the cited references; as to the characterization of the cited references advanced by the Examiner; or as to any other assertions, allegations or characterizations made by the Examiner at any time in this case. Applicants reserve the right to challenge the purported teaching and prior art status of the cited references at any appropriate time. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the above amendments to the claims and the following remarks.

Interview Summary OK

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Examiner's Interview

Applicants express their appreciation to the Examiner for conducting an interview with Applicant's representative on February 13, 2009. The substance of the interview is included in this response.

Amendments to the Specification

Applicant has amended the abstract as required by the Examiner to remove the title of the invention from the abstract.